

PhD Social and Policy Issues in the Life Sciences ESRC Innogen Centre Studentship

The ESRC Centre for Social and Economic Research on Innovation in Genomics (Innogen) invites applications for an **ESRC doctoral studentship starting in September 2008**.

We particularly welcome proposals on one of the following topics:

- Translational research: the changing relationship between public and private
- The emerging new sciences of systems biology and synthetic biology
- Life science innovation and health equity
- Internationalisation of the pharmaceutical and life science industries
- Mapping global public private partnerships for neglected diseases
- Biosciences and institutional transformation of global agricultural and health organisations
- Assessing democratic governance of new life science technologies
- Multi-level governance and its limitations
- Risk and life science innovation beyond the precautionary principle
- Intellectual property and life science innovation
- Exploration of new interdisciplinary methodologies for exploring the diffusion and impact of genomics innovation
- Innovation and regulation interactions in the development of clinical stem cell therapies

However, the studentship can be in any area of Innogen's work and we encourage other innovative proposals for PhD research. Further information about Innogen staff and their research interests can be found at www.innogen.ac.uk

The studentship is funded on the ESRC 1+3 or +3 model and is open to UK and EU students: UK student awards cover fees and maintenance; EU students normally receive fees only. Part-time students receive the fee element plus pro rata maintenance. 1+3 awards combine 1 year of MSc research training with 3 years' PhD funding. +3 awards are for applicants who have already completed a year of ESRC-recognised research training.

The deadline for applications is 21 March 2008. Innogen also welcomes applications via the ESRC's open competition (www.esrc.ac.uk) for which the deadline is 1 May 2008.

The studentship can be held at either the University of Edinburgh or the Open University.

For information about applications to the University of Edinburgh see www.issti.ed.ac.uk/index.php?theme=study&page=Innoship
Informal enquiries may be made to Dr Catherine Lyall c.lyall@ed.ac.uk

Requests for information and applications to the Open University should be submitted through Ms Marlene Gordon, Innogen Centre, Technology Faculty, Open University, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA. Informal enquiries may be made to Dr Peter Robbins P.R.Robbins@open.ac.uk